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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR AGGREGATION RECONCILIATION

THROUGH HIERARCHICAL TAG CHECKSUMS

## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Restriction Requirement mailed January 7, 2009, in which two allegedly distinct inventions were identified as follows:

Group I – Claims 14-26; and

Group II – Claims 27-32.

In response, Applicants, through their representatives and attorneys, hereby elect Group II (e.g., Claims 27-32) without traverse.

If for some reason Applicants' have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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